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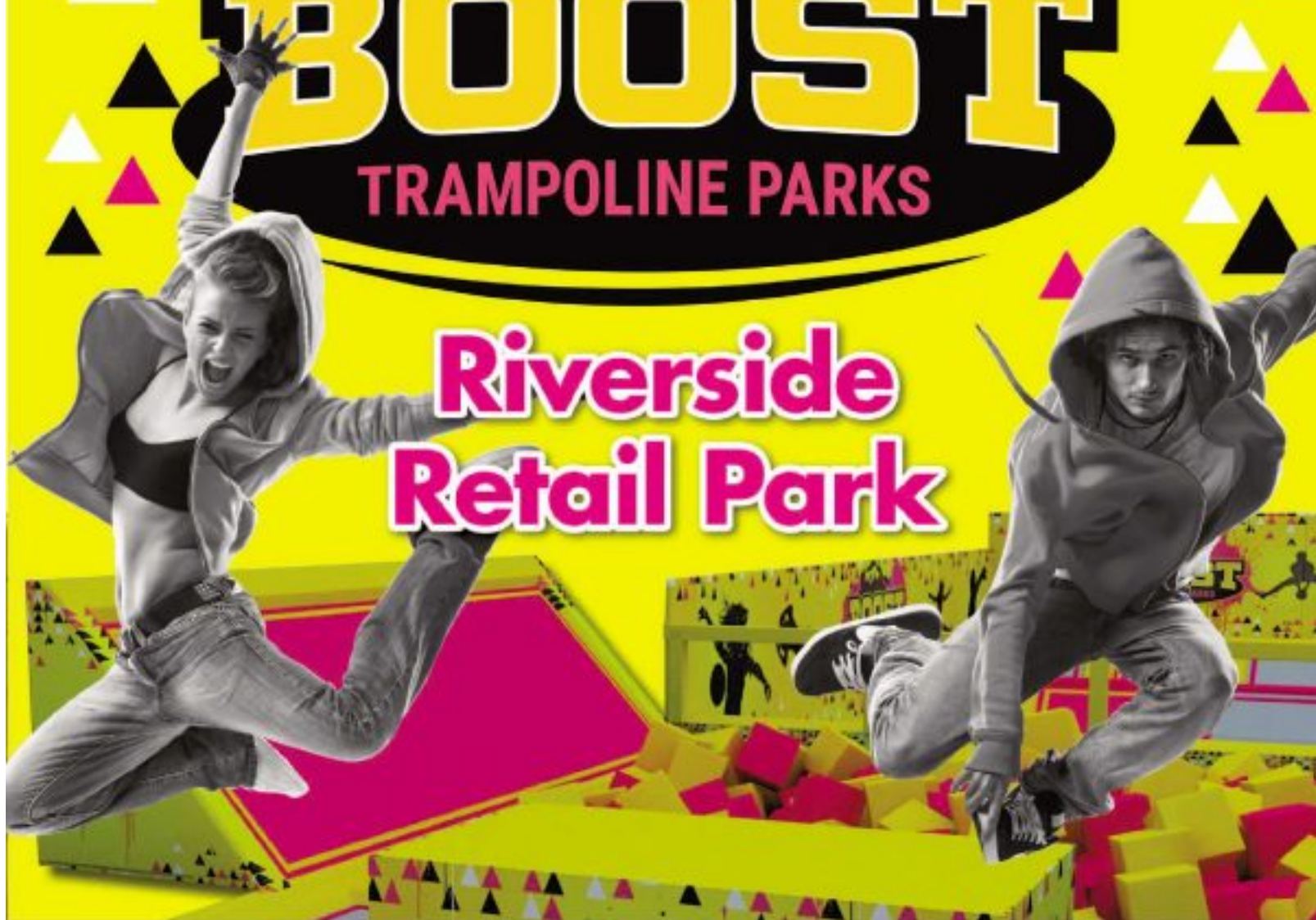
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County MP tipped to make the final two in PM race



BALLOT BATTLE: MP Andrea Leadsom

The MP for South Northamptonshire will today find out whether she has made the final two places in the race to becoming the new Conservative Party leader and Prime Minister.

Energy Minister Andrea Leadsom will face a crucial vote alongside candidates Theresa May, the Home Secretary, and Michael Gove, the Justice Secretary, which will see Tory MPs whittle down the number of candidates from three to two.

Whoever finishes third in the vote will be eliminated, with the top two - likely to include frontrunner May - then facing the 150,000 Conservative members in a postal ballot.

Ahead of today's vote, Mrs Leadsom said on Facebook: "I am delighted with the support! Looking forward to next round!"

You can follow the results on our Live Blog.
■ Full story on p9

Council to spend £1m in loan saga

Northampton Borough Council wants to spend an extra £500,000 trying to recover the £10.25 million loaned to Northampton Town - a move which will take the total spend to nearly £1 million.

A proposal will go before the Cabinet next week asking for approval to withdraw the money from the reserves. The council has already spent £450,000 on the recovery.



SINISTER NOTE:
The letter was allegedly hand delivered to Kevin McKeever, who has been vocal in calling for Jeremy Corbyn to resign

'Coxed' death threat sent

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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An ex-Labour candidate and PR boss from Northampton whose firm has been accused of 'orchestrating' a 'coup' against leader Jeremy Corbyn has received a death threat warning he will 'be coxed' - in an apparent reference to the murder of MP Jo Cox.

Kevin McKeever, an executive at London-based Portland Communications who stood for the party in Northampton South at the last year's general election, shared a picture of the note on Facebook on Tuesday.

It reads: "Hello comrade, we've watched you leave this building, we've watched you on the strand, your blood is the price of your treachery, prepare to be coxed :-)"

It is thought the final sentence is a reference to Mrs Cox, the Labour MP who died after being shot and stabbed in Yorkshire last month.

The sinister letter comes amid new claims that Mr McKeever, who lives in St James, has himself played a part in the alleged 'orchestrating' in a bid to oust Corbyn - a claim which the 35-year-old denies.

■ more on p9

Business awards deadline is Friday

Businesses across the county are being encouraged to shine their 'light of success' as the closing date approaches for the SME Northamptonshire Business Awards 2016.

The Awards, in their inaugural year in the county, are a credible opportunity to support and share in the vision to raise the profile of industrious, hardworking and enterprising SME's in Northamptonshire. The Herald and Post is one of the media partners for the event and are giving advertising space to the winners of a number of categories.

"We're delighted to be backing this year's Business Awards which is an opportunity for firms big and small to showcase their success and the impact they make on the local economy," said Steve Scoles, Editor of the Herald and Post.

The closing date for all entries is 5pm on Friday. There are 15 categories and you can enter up to three. To enter please visit:
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What was the name of your teddy bear when you were a child?

I had a blue rabbit called Charlie



This week's text 2 text is with Cllr Ash Davies (Conservative) who represents Brambleside on Kettering Borough Council

What is your favourite sandwich?

A BLT from Kafé Bloc in Kettering

What is the one thing you lost or broke which you want to get back?

A USB stick containing seven years of school work and hundreds of family holiday pictures

Which song makes you emotional or makes you cry?

And I Will Kiss by Underworld. Reminds me of volunteering at 2012 Olympics

Who is the most famous person you have met face to face?

I once met Prince Charles in Northampton.

Editor's Letter



The county's finest young chefs serve up delicious duck

Around about this time every year the judging for the chefs categories in the Carlsberg Food and Drink Awards takes place.

We are very much supporters of the awards at the Herald & Post and I usually treat the nominees as a hit list of must-try food establishments throughout the year.

You don't even have to win because as someone who has done a bit of judging I don't need convincing about the quality of the runners-up.

This week I was at Northampton College in Booth Lane at the semi-final of the young chef stage.

The eight young cooks came from a variety of establishments across the county and had only had 24 hours notice of the ingredients they could use to prepare their dish.

The main feature item was duck legs. There was also the option to use Northamptonshire Blue Cheese supplied by Hamtun, the Northampton cheesemakers who have been getting rave reviews with their range of new

Not a single chef turned out something I did not want to eat. Some dazzled.

cheeses over the past couple of years. Of course, who cooked what and did enough to get themselves through to the next round is a closely guarded secret at the moment, more will be revealed next week.

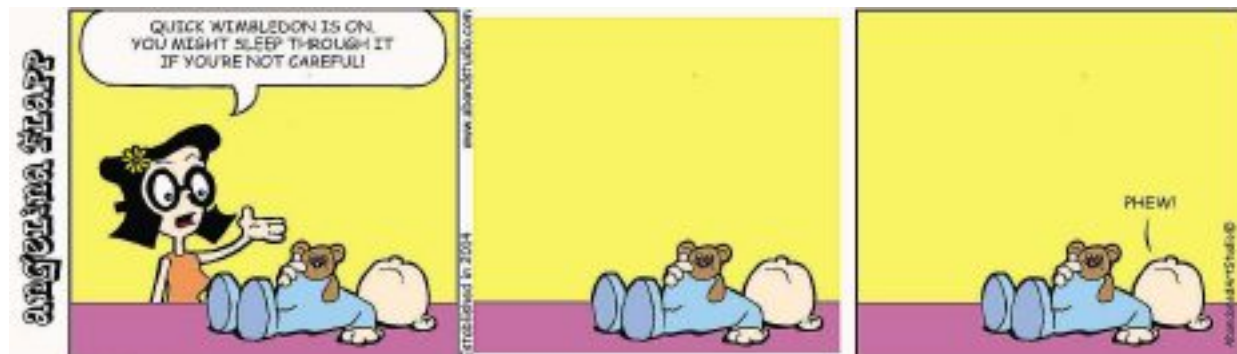
But to be honest not a single chef turned out something I did not want to eat. Some dazzled. Some made me wish they were cooking my tea.

We have seen the televised cooking competitions and believe me, the heat and stress and skill under pressure of our local guys matches anything you see on Masterchef.

So the sneak preview is that once again, the standard of the young chefs is superbly high and we will tell you more about them next week when we will also know a little bit more about the senior chefs.

Mouthwatering.

Steve Scoles



NEWS IN BRIEF

Officer stabbed

A cop suffered injuries to his hand during an incident on Monday evening. Paul Shortt, 47, of Hardlands Avenue, Duston, has been charged with offences including assault on a police officer and possession of a bladed article.

Stranger danger

Police are appealing for witnesses after an unknown woman offered an 11-year-old schoolboy a lift in Stamford Road, Kettering, last Wednesday before driving off at speed after the boy said no and ran away.

Crash on M1

A motorcyclist suffered serious injuries in a collision on the M1 in Northamptonshire last Wednesday. The 40-year-old rider, from Yorkshire, crashed at junction 15 after hitting the central reservation.

Knife attack

A man was stabbed in the abdomen during an assault by two men as he walked through the Racecourse in Northampton on Saturday, June 25. The 31-year-old victim was taken to hospital for treatment.

Brothel charge

A woman who ran a brothel in the town has avoided jail. Luan Shettle, 34, from Castle Avenue, Northampton, was handed a 16-month suspended sentence for managing a brothel and possession with intent to supply class B drugs.

US super eater chews up a win

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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One of the world's biggest eaters from America ended his UK tour of food challenges on a high when he took on a Man vs Food-style contest at a restaurant in Northampton.

YouTube sensation Randy Santel, alongside his sidekick 'Magic Mitch' Dombrowski, stopped off at Mu Mu in St Giles Street last Wednesday night to take on the eatery's belly-busting platter.

He had just 45 minutes to scoff through six beef burgers, a bowl of cheesy chips, a 12-inch garlic bread, a chocolate bar and a large milkshake topped with a doughnut.

But to the amazement of the crowd which had gathered inside the burger restaurant for the event, the professional eater managed to consume the whole platter in just 16 minutes and 46 seconds.

His prize was the meal - worth £36 - for free, a Mu Mu t-shirt and first place on the restaurant's 'wall of fame' - where future diners have the chance of joining him if they can beat the challenge.

Reflecting on his 419th win, Randy - who is also a bodybuilder - told the Herald & Post: "Northampton is one town I haven't been to



MAN MOUNTAIN: The professional eater finished the meal in 16 mins

before when touring the UK, and I have been trying between all of my various trips all over the UK to go to every major city and town - so my friends Joe and Grant organised this for me.

"This morning I really didn't even know what I was getting into because I kind of just let my friends create the whole challenge for me and it ended up being perfect. It was really good.

"The six patty burger was awesome, I loved the garlic cheese bread, the chips were great, the Mu Mu sauce was awesome - so overall it was a good challenge and that milkshake at the end was

actually good, I really liked it."

After Randy - from St Louis in Missouri - took on the challenge, his sidekick 'Magic Mitch', who is from Green Bay in Wisconsin - also gave it a go himself, although he is usually seen filming the challenges for the pair's YouTube channels - which have 220,000 subscribers in total.

Northampton was the final leg of the duo's tour, as they both now embark on a tour of mainland Europe - starting with Belgium - having spent a month taking on food challenges all over England, Scotland and Wales.

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Gifts for patients



Hundreds of gift bags including jigsaws and radios have been donated to cancer patients on the Talbot Butler Ward at Northampton General Hospital.

The gift packs were donated by The Lewis Foundation.

Mobile library is a reading lifeline

Reporter Lawrence John learns more about the service being provided by the mobile library



TACKLING ISOLATION:
Anne Lovely, strategic development and income generation manager at the library service

Northamptonshire's mobile library could be described as a forgotten service even though it brings communities together.

Last year, 2015/16, 8,684 used the scheme across the county. It might not seem like a large number of people but it is a vital lifeline for those it serves in remote communities.

Northamptonshire County Council's mobile library service visits villages and towns across the county which do not have one of the county's 36 'bricks and mortar' libraries.

Every year the service is reviewed, including where it visits and what impact it is having in each location.

Places it goes to include villages like Kingscliff, Little Stanion, Pitsford, Silverstone, Warkton, Weedon, Yardley Hastings and Yarwell.

The county has two mobile libraries and one driver who takes each library out on the county's roads.

Anne Lovely, strategic development and income generation manager at the library service, said: "The mobile library service does bring communities together.

"We visit customers who are socially isolated.

"We listen to what people



tell us and visit new communities like Mawsley and Little Stanion where new housing developments have gone up.

"This gives people the opportunity to come out, meet their neighbour and borrow a book or get their bus pass renewed.

"The service allows people to borrow books, DVDs or audio books.

"What we have noticed is a lot of families use the service.

"They bring younger children along to choose their books."

Lots of people do not even know the service exists and getting the word out can make a big difference to these communities.

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'Thriving' county faces skills gap

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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Business is booming in Northamptonshire – and the figures back this up – but the sound of that boom is being muffled more than ever by the difficulty in finding enough skilled people.

More than three quarters of companies in the county fear growth will be held back by skills shortages according to this year's poll by financial and business advisers Grant Thornton.

The survey of more than 100

local businesses, published this week at the 2016 Northants Limited event, showed a significant increase in turnover, profitability and employment.

But the poll results also revealed that 83 per cent of companies in the area are worried that a skills shortage will 'hold back business growth', while 59 per cent of respondents believe the skills gap is the most important area to address to improve the county's economic future. Elsewhere, other priorities chosen were infrastructure improvements -

with 20 per cent - a stronger business network - with 10 per cent - and better access to funding - with eight per cent.

Mike Hughes, of Grant Thornton, said: "The Northants economy is thriving with many ambitious, fast growing businesses looking to expand further. However, our poll highlights the ongoing concern about skills shortages across the region."

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🎵 **Love Will Tear Us Apart**
Joy Division
A great reminder of my time at university. Transports me back and is the perfect song.

🎵 **Try A Little Tenderness**
Otis Redding
One cassette dad had in the car. It reminds me of long car journeys and day trips out as a kid.

🎵 **Cannonball**
Damien Rice
Reminder of working in London before going off to law school.

🎵 **Dakota**
Stereophonics
First song I heard on the radio after I passed my driving test. I played too loudly, windows down, belting out the chorus...

Hanging around at town festival



Up, up away

Northampton has had town shows and it has had balloon festivals. It has had a summer series of big live concerts and it has had fairground rides in the town centre.

This year the Racecourse went for something not so different - a little bit of everything in one free event - and it seemed to work out all right. The fairground rides were a bit bigger than usual, there was a lot of free music and the weather almost held up. Check out our video gallery of pictures online.



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Police are urging people to lock their doors after a man let himself into homes in the Hawksmoor Way, Druids Way, Grendon Walk and Kettering Road areas of Northampton last Friday and made off with cash.

Sex attack

A woman was inappropriately touched by a man last Sunday after he made a lewd comment to her as she was walking along Oakley Road, Corby, opposite the Tesco Express. The woman then pushed him away, before he walked off.

Action Week

Corby Borough Council's Community Safety Team will be out next week as they take on rural areas of Corby in their Days of Action event.

There will be dog fouling patrols, information surgeries and community safety talks.

Songs of praise

Community and cake are on the menu for a Songs of Praise style Civic Service in Brackley Piazza on Sunday, July 17, at 3.30pm.

This helps bring the community together and raise money for their chosen charities.

Multi-tasking

Groups of primary and secondary school students from South Northamptonshire and Daventry came together under two separate initiatives this week.

This was during the Multi-Skills Schools Games.

Non stop car

A car involved in an accident in Kettering failed to stop after the incident.

A dark coloured saloon was in collision with a red Toyota Auris, which was then in collision with a white VW Polo, on St Matthews Road, on June 25.

Stolen vehicle

A red Mazda RX8, registration DU54 ZLV, was stolen from Priors Hall Golf Course in Corby on July 1.

The theft happened after offender/s broke into a property and stole the keys along with some cash.

Show time

Saturday, August 6 will be the third annual Bradlaugh Fields Community Show.

Amongst the attractions at the 2016 show will be The British Army which will be attending with vehicles and a kids activity.



STRIKING STAFF: Staff at Northampton schools joined university staff in a joint strike

School teachers stage 24-hour walk out

Hundreds of children in Northants were hit by school closures or disruption on Tuesday after their teachers walked out on a 24-hour strike in dispute with the Government over the 'underfunding' of schools.

At least three schools in the county closed to all year groups, and a number of others remained open to a

few year groups after members of the National Union of Teachers walked out.

Ecton Brook Primary School in Northampton, Sywell C of E Primary School and Wollaston School in Wellingborough were among those which shut, while Weston Favell Academy and Northampton Academy closed to a number of year groups.

The strike took place after the union voted overwhelmingly in favour of industrial action, with its main demand being to increase funding to schools.

The strike coincided with another walkout being carried out by members of the University and College Union at the University of Northampton in a dispute over gender pay gap.

D-day for Tory leader hopeful

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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The Brexit MP for South Northants will today find out whether she has made it to the final stage in the race to becoming the Conservative leader and Prime Minister.

Energy Minister Andrea Leadsom revealed last Thursday she would be throwing her hat into the contest to be Tory leader, joining Home Secretary Theresa May, Justice Secretary Michael Gove, Stephen Crabb and Liam Fox.

The 53-year-old former banker - endorsed by former Mayor of London



Boris Johnson - officially launched her campaign on Monday in Westminster, telling journalists she would begin the process for Britain's exit from the EU as soon as she became PM.

All five candidates then faced the first round of votes on Tuesday - where Tory MPs had to narrow the field down to four, with the candidate with

the least number of votes being eliminated.

May won the vote with 165 of the 329 votes cast, while Leadsom came second with 66 votes.

Gove got 48, and Crabb got 34 votes. Fox got 16, meaning he was out.

Shortly afterwards, Crabb also dropped out, leaving just May, Leadsom and Gove in the race.

A final vote will take place today to whittle it down to two candidates, who will then face the 150,000 Tory members in a postal ballot sometime in July/August, following a series of hustings across the country. The result will be announced on September 9.

PR exec breaks silence after threat

The former Labour candidate for Northampton South, Kevin McKeever, has spoken out over a death threat which has been sent to him in recent days.

The sinister note, which warns he will be 'coxed' - in an alleged reference to the killing of MP Jo Cox - was sent amid allegations the PR firm Mr McKeever works for in London has been 'orchestrating' a 'coup' to oust Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn.

Following the note, Mr McKeever - who also stood in the police and crime commissioner elections in Northants this year - said in a Facebook post: "Many of you will have read posts on a blog suggesting a link between me, my workplace and the moves by Labour MPs in Parliament. They have no basis in truth."

"I've made my personal views clear on our party's leadership. "I have, however, been

silent for the past few days due to a hand-delivered death threat, suggesting I should be 'coxed', a reference to the murder two weeks ago of Labour MP, Jo Cox.

"On the advice of the police and in the interests of the personal safety of me, my family, I will not be commenting further."

"We have a Labour Party to return to after this mess. I hope we all reflect."

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Lizzie Armstrong won the event overall thanks to her performance in the final stage which stretched from Northampton to Kettering.

And to celebrate the link between Northamptonshire and the race, which has returned to the county year after year, a day of cycling fun has been organised at Delapre Abbey in Northampton. It features as the starting point

for 80 mile, 40 mile and 10 mile participation rides to give experienced riders and beginners alike a flavour of the excitement of a big cycle race.

The 10 mile route is a family friendly loop to Upton Park and back along the canalside.

At Upton there are sports themed activities to take part in. Children can enter the 10 mile ride free if accompanied by an adult.

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Police confirm no rise in hate crime

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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Police in Northamptonshire are urging people to report hate crimes if they happen, despite the county not reflecting a rise in incidents across the country.

There has been a 57 per cent increase in reporting to True Vision, the national police online hate crime recording website, compared to the same time last month.

However officers in Northamptonshire have reviewed reports of hate crime in the county over the last five days and have confirmed there hasn't been an increase in locally reported incidents following the EU referendum.

Corby is standing tall against any hate crime in the borough. At a full council meeting last week, the leader of Corby Borough Council, Cllr Tom Beattie, proposed the following motion, which was unanimously supported by all councillors.

"It is noted Northamptonshire Police have to date not seen an increase in reported incidents and this is welcomed.

"The council feels it is important that Corby Borough clearly demonstrates its support for all members of the local community who are working and living in our Borough."

As such, the council approved a statement which included in it: "We are proud to live in our country. This council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable."

"The council welcomes all new members of our community who have chosen Corby as their place to live, work and raise their family."

"The council will continue to work with others to ensure that local bodies, agencies and programmes have the support and resources they need to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia."

"We reassure all people living in Corby Borough that they are valued members of the local community."

Cllr Beattie added: "As said, Corby Borough Council does not and will not tolerate any kind of hate crime or racial abuse and I hope that residents and visitors will now be able to have the confidence that they are extremely valued as members of this borough."

Gang of thugs stamped on man until he passed out

A gang hit and stamped on a man in an underpass until he lost consciousness - before fleeing with just his mobile phone and bike.

The assault happened near

to Costcutter in Billing Brook Road, Northampton, on Saturday, June 25 when the 50-year-old victim was approached by three offenders.

They pulled the man's jacket over his head before hitting and stamping on him, resulting in him passing out.

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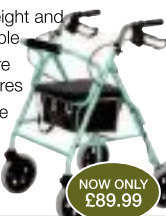
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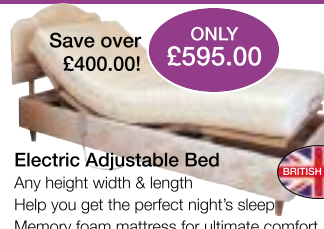
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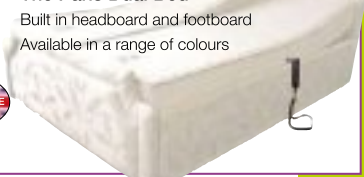
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I Pad

Pamela Pow who works in Barclaycard in Northampton must have her iPad. I have detailed below why it's her 'must have' thing. Regards Lisa

She said: "I won my iPad in a competition and now I wouldn't be without it. It is so handy to take on holiday to use to check emails, do internet banking or play games on. I use it a lot when watching TV and you recognise someone's face but can't remember what they have been in before. We use it to Skype my in laws in Australia."



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Best of Northampton tweeted: "We are launching our #buylocal campaign! We want to keep the £ in #Northampton! More important than ever now!"

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BLOGGER OF THE WEEK

Whirlwind start as PCC

Stephen Mold

This week's blogger of the week is Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Stephen Mold.



It's been a whirlwind eight weeks since my election to the position of Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire.

In fact, I could hardly believe it had been that long since I was elected on May 6.

In the intervening period I've been engrossed in all aspects of policing and public safety in the county.

The main focus of my time has been dedicated to working towards the Police and Crime Plan for Northamptonshire for the next four years – this is a document I am legally bound to produce to show the direction in which we will be taking policing in the county but I am determined for this to be not only my plan, but the police's plan and also your plan.

We'll be asking everyone in Northants to contribute at some point so we are sure that we are serving and supporting you in ways that you need. As part of this process, myself, the team from my office and members from all departments of the Force came together for a day to discuss what our priorities were for policing in the county and how this can shape the work we do going forward.

I was delighted to see so many people show how passionate they are about tackling and preventing crime and supporting those in need of our help as they put across their views for how we should work going forward.

It reminded me of what a dedicated team we have and how the county is in good hands.

The only disappointment of my time in office so far has been seeing less of my family! As long as I'm working hard to make sure they're living in a safer, better supported county, I'm hoping they'll forgive me!

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Your views



Kevin McKeever

Far left shows true colours with threat

...ahh, the peace loving, tolerant, welcoming far left shows it's true colours.... He does work for Portland and they are all ex Blairites so hardly on Corbyn's side nor share his views which are a lot closer to the core and real Labour voters. Not the Champaign socialists McKeever works for, mixers and aligns himself with. As for orchestrating the coup, only time will tell although McKeever and Keeble both stabbed the Labour party leader in the back (no pun intended) asking him to resign under the flag of doing what's best for the party – hmmm.... Labour now a party with dual personality disorder, or about to become two parties. The Blairite elitist 'New' Labour party and the original Labour party who spoke up for and supported the working classes, instead of ignoring them. In the mean time they offer no credi-

ble opposition the Tories whilst airing their dirty laundry and unable to get their stuff together! It's pathetic really. Death threats are really rather cowardly, vile and uncalled for I hope those responsible are caught and prosecuted!

Comment from Scappycoco

Threat note was likely by local fascist group

Bit strange that this has mention of Corbyn, when the man that murdered Jo Cox was doing so because of fascism/the political views opposed to what Corbyn stands for.

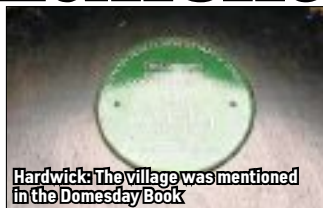
So to even suggest this was somehow done by Corbyn supporters like the paper, and he himself alludes to is ludicrous.

More likely it was done by the local fascist groups, who have targeted individuals in the town before.

Comment from Stephen Miller

Lunchtime Life

Everyday life's little curiosities snapped this week. Send yours to news@hpnorthants.co.uk



Hardwick: The village was mentioned in the Domesday Book



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Student thanks off-duty medics

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A student has thanked an off-duty paramedic and nurse who rushed to his aid after his car crashed and overturned.

Zach Patel-Champion, 22, collided with another car shortly after 5pm on Monday in Lady's Lane, Northampton, next to the Mayorhold car park, which resulted in his red Skoda overturning.

The University of Northampton student managed to climb out of his badly damaged car - which was sat on its side - with only a few cuts and bruises. The driver of the other vehicle also escaped unharmed.

While passers-by rushed over to check Zach was okay, an off-duty nurse who happened to be driving past, as well as an off-duty paramedic in another car, also stopped to lend a hand and make sure he wasn't injured.

Thanks to the Northants Herald & Post's story about the crash Zach was able to find the nurse - Josie Sinnamon - and thank her for



SCENE: Zach Patel-Champion's car overturned due to the crash

her help, after appealing for her via the comments section on our Facebook page.

He also managed to thank the off-duty paramedic - Andy Simpson - who we put him in contact with through the East Midlands Ambulance Service.

Zach, who is studying International Relations at the university, told the H&P: "I would like to thank them both and the other passers-by who came over to help.

"I feel so lucky I was uninjured but also that they were both there.

"They did a fantastic job of ensuring I wasn't hurt and that I was safe.

"Had I been worse off I would have been in good hands with both of them there.

"I'm just very happy that no one was hurt and it was amazing at how fast the emergency services responded."



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Lohan may light pro-Brexit town

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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American actress Lindsay Lohan has accepted an invitation by the MP for Kettering to turn on the town's Christmas lights following her EU referendum outburst on Twitter.

Philip Hollobone made the bizarre invitation at the House of Commons last Thursday, a week after Lohan - who supported the Remain campaign - took to Twitter to slam the town for strongly voting for Brexit.

He had asked for Lohan to 'redeem her political reputation' by turning on the lights and 'raising money for good causes', while describing her Tweet as 'fierce and offen-

sive', and that 'everyone knows where Kettering is'.

Mr Hollobone said: "Everyone knows where Kettering is - it's famous as the home of Weetabix breakfast cereal, Cheaney and Loakes shoes. And Kettering Town FC has scored more goals in the history of the FA cup than any other football team in the country."

The tweet he was referring to, which was later deleted after being posted on the night of the results, read: "#REMAIN Sorry, but #KETTERING where are you & why is this woman BBCNews speaking on people rather than TELLING us what happens if the UK LEAVES?"

But on Thursday night, hours after the Conservative

MP made the invitation, Lohan posted a tweet to accept the offer - much to the surprise of the Mean Girl actress' 9.2 million followers.

She said: "#philliphollobone Direct message me about your offer. Would be happy to light the Christmas tree in #Kettering."

Following the bizarre twist of fate, Mr Hollobone told the H&P: "I think her response shows she is a good sport and I hope she is serious in wanting to come to Kettering. I am sure if she comes she will get a warm welcome."

"Christmas is an important time for Kettering and a lot of shops do a lot of business and I hope they can do even more if Lindsay Lohan switches on the Christmas lights."

The case of... having to run away from the beige brigade



Lawrence John

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For a moment I thought I had died and gone to Kansas or at least an alternative heaven.

But this was in the words of Dr McCoy from the original Star Trek series, 'Heaven Jim but not as we know it'.

I was walking around a well-known supermarket when it hit me with the force of a ticket of shame from the fashion police. I was surrounded by beige.

The beige brigade were everywhere. This is the oldie equivalent of a punk rebellion.

Punks in the mid-1970s used to dress in ripped clothes held together by safety pins or wrapped with tape or wearing blackbin liners.

Now for these oldies it is warm, cosy toasty and beige. This was poorly judged fashion taste burning into my retinas but in a comforting way as only beige can do.

I was being bludgeoned by

beige. Every isle I went down more beige, some were dressed head-to-toe in beige, shirts, jumpers, rain jackets and shoes all in beige. I didn't know so much beige existed.

Was I seeing it all in one go at one time? Is there a beige gene in all of us which will be triggered at some point and we become a fully-fledged member of the beige brigade? It is a frightening thought.

What I was witnessing was a new level of terror in the world.

This was surreal and not the

only thing. While walking around I saw a large sign which said: 'Small Loaves' and I immediately thought 'Ahh that is where they keep the small fishes'.

It was like Tommy Copper in my head, 'small loaves, small fishes, big loaves, big fishes AHAAAAA...Bottle, glass, glass, bottle. AHAAAAA!'

In the 1960s the American Telephone & Telegraph Company (AT&T) marketed desert sand coloured telephones for offices and homes.

However, they described the colour as 'beige'. It is therefore common for many people to refer to the colour desert sand as 'beige'.

I had to get away from this quicksand of oldie fashion ASAP... sometimes it is good to click your heels together and say three times 'there's no place like home' and if that doesn't work, just run.

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Plastic fantastic

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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It is a small piece of plastic which fits into your wallet or purse and has given millions of people the power to buy what they want - and it all started in Northampton.

On June 29, 1966, Barclaycard launched the first credit card with a six-page business strategy, an investment of £20,000, and 30 employees who operated from a converted shoe and boot factory in Northampton.

Within 12 months, more than a million consumers in the UK had signed up for a Barclaycard credit card, which then could be used to make purchases of up to £25.

Fifty years on, Northampton remains Barclaycard's headquarters as well as its largest global office and most important hub for trialling new innovations.

Northampton was the first location in the UK to trial 'Chip and PIN' in 2003 which was introduced by Barclaycard as a means of combatting fraud and making credit and debit card spending safer.



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As part of the innovative pilot, more than half of the adult population of Northampton trialled the new cards and almost 1,000 businesses took part, from pubs and restaurants to hairdressers, florists and jewellers, as well as large retailers including Asda and Sainsbury's.

Amer Sajed, chief executive officer of Barclaycard, said: "We're very proud of our heritage as one of the biggest businesses and employers in Northampton. "Back in the 60s, cash and cheques were the most popular form of payment and the idea of 'paying by

plastic' was completely alien to most people.

"But the introduction of credit cards led to a 'democratisation of credit' in the UK and kick-started 50 years of great British shopping, creating a material shift in how we pay for goods and services.

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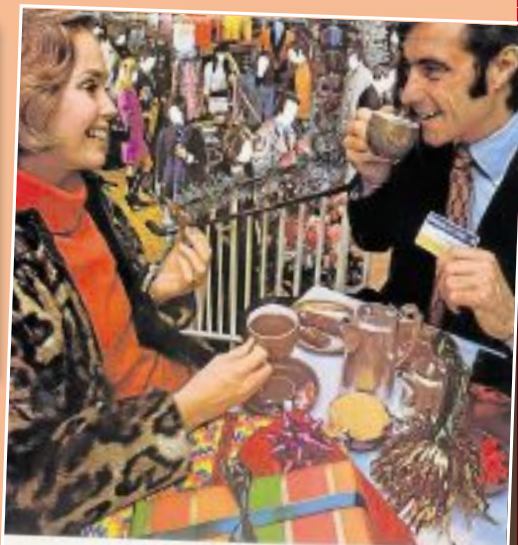
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the credit card its use has grown exponentially and Barclaycard has remained at the forefront with £1 in every £3 spent in the UK now going through the company.

Last year Barclaycard processed 4.6 billion transactions in the UK alone, equating to more than half a million every hour, and £293bn in payments across the globe – a 14 per cent annual increase on the 2014 figure.

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Teddies for needy kids

A retirement village in Northampton has collected hundreds of teddy bears for a Northants-based charity to distribute to needy children and young people across the county.

Richmond Villages decided to support The Faraway Children's Charity in May by becoming a donation point for 'new and loved teddy bears'.

The collection saw over 350 teddy bears donated by not only Richmond residents, but also those who live near the village in Grange Park - before they were sent to Faraway chairty - which collects resources for disadvantaged youngsters.

Jane Deamer, Chairperson for the charity, said she was 'astounded' by the number of teddies collected.



Whizz wheels get longer

A wheeled sports facility aimed at young people has been upgraded and will be open for longer hours.

The improvements made by Kettering Borough Council to the Ise Skate Park has seen the recent installation of an

all-weather shelter. A wheeled sports facility aimed at young people has been upgraded and will be open for longer hours.

State of the art floodlights will be installed by the end of September.

Silent disco at Picturedrome

Partygoers in Northampton can once again experience the unique party experience that is Silent Disco at The Picturedrome on Saturday, August 6.

The night involves 3 DJs live on stage playing through 3

different music channels into special LED headphones with no music played through speakers.

Doors open at 9pm, Tickets cost £7 in advance and are available from www.thepicturedrome.com/tickets.

Franks still frying at Castle

It might be curtains for the Castle Theatre but it is still red hot for Franks Hamburger House.

The business remains open at The Castle even though the theatre is shut.

Franks is celebrating the arrival of a new seasonal

menu, which includes hand-made burgers using meat from its own farm, with a free live acoustic open mic night on at the restaurant on Thursday, July 14.

It will also featuring local bands A Dangerous Liaison and Way BAK Then.

Moulton College Awards Ceremony



Moulton College's annual awards ceremonies took place at the Holcot Centre on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June to celebrate the exciting achievements and fantastic work that the students have produced over the last year.

As is tradition at the College's prestigious event, principal Stephen Davies gave an inspiring talk, encouraging students to take pride in their achievements and to remember all the valuable lessons they have learned in their time at Moulton as well as giving a review of the performance over the last year. This included further improvements in success rates, 91% of 16 to 18 year old students achieved their vocational qualifications which is 6% above the national average. 90% of leavers have gone on to further studies or into employment, this is a great success and reflects one of the College's core values which is to develop the employability of students to prepare them for the world of work.

Award winners at the event were joined by College staff, parents, Mayors, councillors, local employers and, most importantly, the students to celebrate their incredible hard work and to recognise outstanding contributions to courses and the College.

The event was attended by Chief Executive of Pet Industry Federation, Nigel Baker; Chris Blythe, Chief Executive of The Chartered Institute of Building; Chris Jones, Chief Executive of England Athletics LTD and Lord Boswell of Aynho, who all gave guest speeches to students.

Of the event, Mr Davies said "The results secured by students is quite remarkable when judged against any criteria because Moulton doesn't select its entrants upon prior performance, and this year we saw over 93 percent of students achieving their qualifications.

The Awards ceremonies held this week are the highlight of the year and it is right that we celebrate the success of our students in this way."

Over the past 12 months Moulton College has used its capital investment to improve estate and facilities, one of which is the investment in new laboratories for bioscience and construction science, these much improved and up-to-date facilities will further enhance the student experience.

They have been working in partnership with Northampton Borough Council, and the Rugby and Northampton Athletics Club to build a UK Athletics Standard Track and associated facilities, at the ceremony it was announced that the track is due to open in September, ready to welcome the athletics academy students.

Mr Davies encouraged the students to take pride in their work, saying "At Moulton College, young people and adults develop high standards of practical skills and a high proportion achieve their vocational qualifications; the majority progress into employment, further or higher education once they have completed their studies.

The annual presentation of awards and certificates to students who successfully complete Apprenticeships and vocational qualifications at Award, Certificate and Diploma level is the culmination of all their hard work and endeavour, supported by the exceptional professionalism, commitment and enthusiasm of all staff and governors."

To see photographs of the award winners visit <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialMoultonCollege/>

Notes for editors

Based in Northamptonshire, Moulton College is an established Centre of Excellence for Education and Training, providing opportunities in animal, equine, land-based, construction and sports studies.

Moulton College teaches vocational skills from four key campuses across Northamptonshire and trains around 5,700 students studying further education courses, University-level degrees, Masters, PhDs and apprenticeships each year.

Moulton College has been awarded the highest grade of 'Confidence' by the Quality Assurance Agency for its high quality Higher Education provision.

The College draws students from the local area, as well as nationally and internationally.

Find out more on our website: <http://www.moulton.ac.uk/>

Breakfast the meal of champs



HURRAH: Canteen Club members are jumping for joy at Huxlow Science College

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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Huxlow Science College in Irthlingborough was the main hub this week in helping to spread the word to pupils Breakfast is the meal of champions.

The school along with primary and junior schools in the area benefited from being given free boxes of cereal and food boxes.

This was all part of cereal manufacturer, 'Kellogg's' and a charity called 'HIS Church' are working together on a major nationwide campaign to ensure school children are getting a healthy breakfast.

Kellogg's has donated 15 million boxes of

cereal as part of this project across the UK and Northants was one county to benefit.

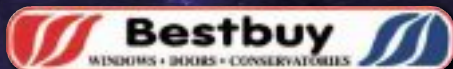
HIS Church, a charity specialising in providing secure, ethical and sustainable solutions for food were given the responsibility in distributing the cereal to schools and food banks.

Huxlow Science College was hosting a pick-up for 15 different local schools and charities (Foodbanks, etc) to come and collect their free boxes of breakfast cereals and other food.

Members of the college's student "Canteen Council" were part of the official launch of the local campaign.

Deputy Headteacher at Huxlow Science College, Kim Isaksen said: "This is one way of encouraging pupils to have breakfast in school."

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Summer in Northants - a time for war...

This week it's back to the Wars of the Roses and the 1460 Battle of Northampton, writes Mike Ingram.

The battle was the first major engagement in what is now known as the war of succession that ended with Britain's bloodiest battle at Towton in Yorkshire.

The battle is of national importance because it was the only time during the wars that a fortified camp was assaulted; the first use of massed guns; and the last time protracted negotiations proceeded a battle.

Also, in the immediate aftermath, Richard of York returned from Ireland and for the first time pressed his dynastic claim to the throne. It was also the first battle for Edward, Earl of March and with in a year, he would be proclaimed King Edward IV.

On June 25 Edward, Earl of March, Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick (the Kingmaker), and his uncle George Neville, Lord Fauconberg, landed at Sandwich in force. By July 2 they were in London. On the 5th,

Warwick marched north via St Albans with a train of artillery.

On hearing the news that the Yorkists had returned from France, King Henry VI and Margaret of Anjou left Coventry for Northampton with their army under the command of the Duke of Buckingham.

The Yorkist army marched north through Dunstable, Towcester and Blisworth. They then spent the night before the battle on a 'mountain' outside the town, probably Hunsbury Hill, the site of the ancient hill fort. The next morning, the Yorkists sent Richard Beauchamp, Bishop of Salisbury with other clerics and an armed guard to the King with a list of grievances. He was quickly rebuffed.

Unperturbed, Warwick sent another delegation, this time, the Bishop of Hereford who was leading it, changed sides and urged the Lancastrians to fight. A third delegation was sent. This time they

brought a chilling message from Warwick that he would either talk with the King or die. The threat was ignored, and the delegation once again rebuffed. It was the last time protracted negotiations proceeded a battle. Warwick ordered his army to attack and began to move them into position. The Papal Legate who was with the Archbishop of

Canterbury watching from Queen Eleanor's Cross (which according to one chronicler was already headless), excommunicated all the Lancastrian army.

We do not know exactly how many men faced each other that morning, although all the chroniclers agree that there were far more in Warwick's army. Most modern historians estimate that there were between 8-10,000 Lancastrians and 12-15,000 Yorkists.

Waurin says that 'le seigneur de Greriffin', along with 1,300 to 1,400



men, charged straight into Warwick's men. In a battle that lasted half an hour, the cavalry were pushed back to the gates and cut down. During the battle, 'le seigneur de Greriffin' was captured and later executed. The Newsletter from Bruges tells us that there was a torrential downpour, which, "forced them to come out of that place and encounter Warwick".

Hall says it was Beaumont, who with a small force, attacked Warwick's men as they approached but were easily swept aside. A division of the Yorkists led by Sir John Stafford and Lord Scrope of Bolton then attacked the town, burning part of it.

With the town now in their hands, the Yorkists turned their attention to the field fortifications and in three divisions, began to march towards the Lancastrians. From the outset, as with all best laid plans,

things started to go horribly wrong for the Lancastrians. For some unexplainable reason (possibly the weather or an incorrect mixture of gunpowder), their guns failed to fire. The chroniclers tell us that the clash continued for a half an hour, then to Buckingham and the other earls' surprise, there came a shout from his far left. Lord Grey's men were helping Edwards's troops over the defences and were now swarming through the position.

It was all over for the Lancastrians. Many were killed in the ensuing rout. Some would have tried to reach the nearby bridge but would have been stopped by Fauconberg's men. Many more poured out the back of the camp heading east. Many would have been hunted down and killed as they fled.

A full detailed version of this account is on our website.

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This coming weekend there will be a commemoration of the battle with an event at Delapre Abbey starting at 11am. There will be reenactors from the Harrington Company giving demonstrations of archery, a foot tournament, a replica 15th century cannon and lots more. The event is free so come along and find out more about this important part of the county's history.

On the Sunday, July 10, the actual

anniversary, at 4.15pm from the Abbey there will be a memorial walk for the fallen of the battle with the laying of flowers at Queen Eleanor's Cross.

Event timings:

11.30am: Archery tournament and display of the English Longbow.

Noon: Medieval Come Dine with Me. Learn about medieval food, manners, and why it mattered.

1pm: Firepower! Showcasing the

development of medieval fire power.

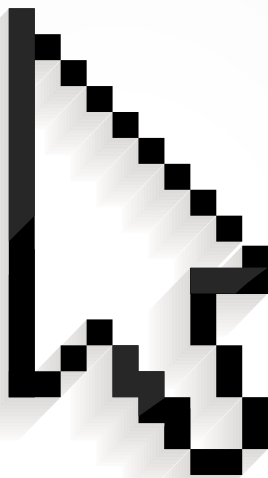
1.30pm: The Essential Guide to the 1460 Battle of Northampton.

2.45pm: Arming the Knight. Wander through the medieval encampment and watch the Fighting Knights as they don armour for the tournament.

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Tragic death of Northants biker

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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A Northamptonshire Coroner's court heard a father speak of his pride and joy in his 'petrolhead' son who was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident in Northampton on December 16.

On Wednesday, the court was told how 35-year-old Simon Peter Lawrence died after he collided with a black BMW in the Wellingborough Road nine days before Christmas.

In his statement to the court which was read out by the senior coroner for Northamptonshire, Anne Pember, Simon's father, Peter Lawrence said: "My son was tragically killed on Wednesday, December 16.

"He was born to proud parents, Peter and Denise on October 13, 1980 in Kings Lynn, Norfolk."

Mr Lawrence said: "Simon was a real petrolhead and he was always playing with and polishing bikes and cars. The family workshop became his playground.

"In 2001 he passed his Class 1 and Class two HGV driving licence and it was while working for DHL in Corby that he met Alison. They got engaged



to be married after a romantic trip to Paris. They had a baby called Ruby who Simon was besotted with.

"Simon was the life and soul of the party and always made us all laugh every day.

"He loved his children and his beloved Alison."

On Wednesday, December 16, at about 5.15pm, Simon was travelling along the Wellingborough Road at what the court was told was 56 mph on his Black Kawasaki ZX when he appeared to try and swerve past a BM which was doing a u-turn in the road.

In his statement which was read out by the coroner, Dr C Johnson from Leicester Royal Infirmary said great trauma had been caused to the deceased chest which was consistent with a collision with a vehicle.

He said a toxicology report showed Mr Lawrence had used cannabis prior to his death.

Dr Johnson felt the drug would have impaired his driving ability and was a contributory factor in his death as he would have been driving under the influence.

Giving his evidence, PC John Huddle said: "Mr Lawrence was travelling at nearly double the speed limit and this with the impairment of the drugs were major factors in the collision."

The senior coroner, Anne Pember said: "I am sure he died doing what he loved and that was riding his bike.

"He was travelling in excess of the speed limit and had recently taken cannabis.

"The verdict I am going to insert is accidental death due to a road traffic collision."

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Head outdoors with Toad and his chums

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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An outdoor performance of the *Wind in the Willows* is set to be performed by The Looking Glass Theatre.

The theatre group, based in the historic Hazelrigg House in Northampton, was recently awarded £5,394 by Northamptonshire Community Foundation through the Compton Fund for Arts, Culture and Heritage and NCC Wellbeing Fund.

The Looking Glass Theatre will be performing the play at the nearby St Peter's Church in Northampton from July 20-21 at 7pm and at 2.15pm and 7pm on July 23 and July 30.

Director Leigh Souter-Smith, said of the Hazelrigg House project: "We are honoured and excited to be a part of this beautiful Tudor building's history, we've nearly been in the house a year now, and despite the challenges, have made such fabulous progress."

"A key focus now is to develop the building's use and open the space to local communities and schools to access Hazelrigg through heritage arts activities."

Tickets for the show cost £8 for adults and £5 for children /concessions.

They are available online at



www.lookingglasstheatre.co.uk or <https://thelittlebox-office.com/lgt/>

If it is raining, then the performance will be moved

into the church. For more information on the group and Hazelrigg House visit www.lookingglasstheatre.co.uk



County's arts cinema listings this week

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

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Here are the listings for Northamptonshire arts cinemas this week:

Errol Flynn Filmhouse

■ Me Before You (pictured)

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WHAT'S ON ROUND-UP

Youth groups help give Oliver a brand new twist

Royal & Derngate's Young Company and Youth Theatre come together to stage a spectacular production of the well-loved musical Oliver this summer.

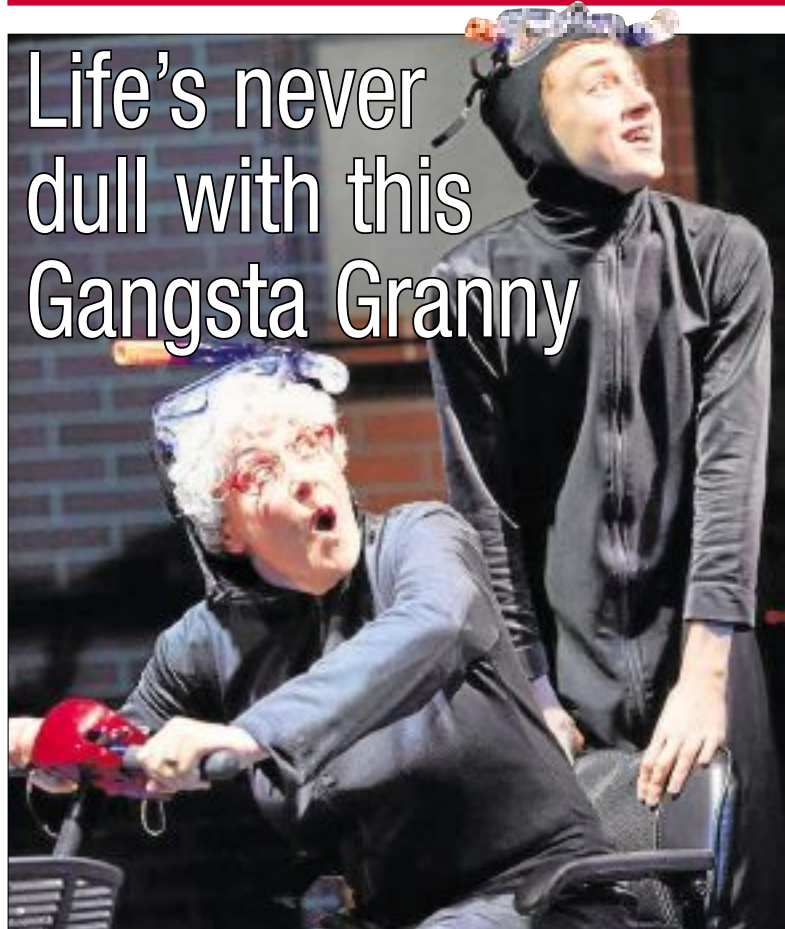
They will explore the murky world of Victorian London in director Christopher Elmer-Gorry (Sweeney Todd - The Demon Barber of Fleet Street) and musical director James Clements' brand new production of this multi-award-winning show.

The cast of 54 young people, aged from eight to 20 years old, have been rehearsing

since October, and are joined by two canine co-stars, Hedgehog and Blue Morgan, who alternate the role of Bill Sykes' dog Bullseye. Oliver can be seen at Northampton's Royal & Derngate from Tuesday, July 12 to Sunday, July 17 at 7.30pm each night.

There will also be matinees at 2.30pm on the Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets, which are priced £6, £10 and £14, can be booked by calling the box office on 01604 624811 or visiting www.royalandderngate.co.uk



BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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Birmingham Stage Company, the acclaimed producers of Horrible Histories, are bringing their world premiere of David Walliams' Gangsta Granny to Northampton's Royal & Derngate from July 12 to 16.

It's Friday night and Ben knows that means only one thing – staying with Granny!

There will be cabbage soup, cabbage pie and cabbage cake and Ben knows one thing for sure – it's going to be soooooo boring!

But what Ben doesn't know

is that Granny has a secret – and Friday nights are about to get more exciting than he could ever imagine, as he embarks on the adventure of a lifetime with his very own Gangsta Granny!

Comedian, author and Britain's Got Talent judge David Walliams said on the first night of Gangsta Granny at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre: "What a fantastic show! Superb! And so much better

than the book!" Gangsta Granny is a must for all families and can be enjoyed by everyone from five to 105.

It is laugh-out-loud funny with some brilliant comic scenes but also has some very moving and truthful things to say about family relationships.

Tickets are priced from £15 to £19. To book or check performance times call 01604 624811 or visit www.royalandderngate.co.uk.

Find out what's on

The best things to do in your spare time can be found at www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk

Modern dance is at the core of this show

Core Dancers invite audiences to an evening of insight into the life of contemporary dance in their new production Assemble.

The show is heading to The Core at Corby Cube on Saturday, July 16 at 7pm and

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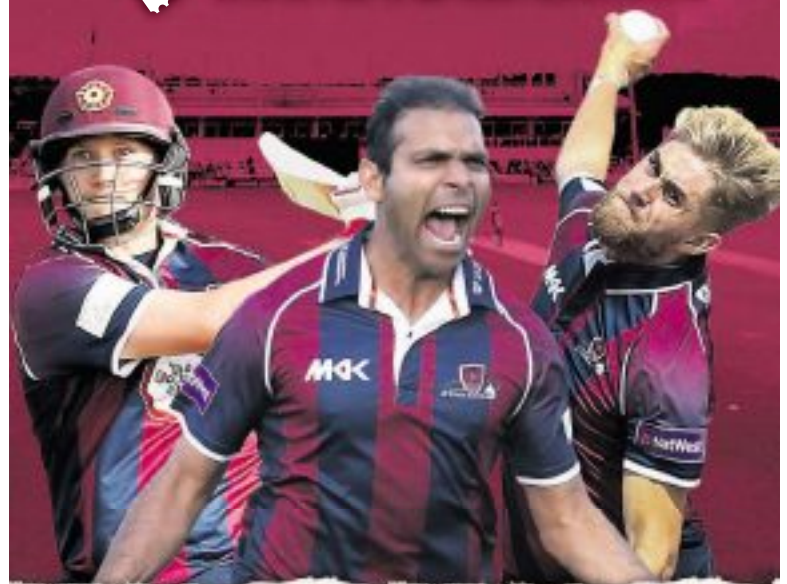


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SATURDAY

Rockin' in the Park

Brixworth Country Park is the venue for a two day music, beer and cider festival to raise funds for Birmingham Children's Hospital and Northampton's Daisy Chain Group. Open from noon to 11pm today, and noon to 10pm on Sunday. Tickets from £20. Visit www.rockinthepark.co.uk

Kingsthorpe College Summer Fete

Enjoy a traditional summer fete with live music, a barbecue, bouncy castle, face painting, ice cream and a range of craft/gift stalls. The event, from noon-3pm, is free to attend.

Summer Do at Northampton church

Enjoy live music, traditional games, face-painting, a bouncy castle, a puppet show and stalls at St Giles Church from 11am to 3pm.

Party in the Park in Rushden

Enjoy live music and dance acts as well as a fairground, food outlets and more at Rushden Hall Park. Free event from 1pm to 10pm.



This was a case of going all the way with LBJ - Lyndon Baines Johnson.

The drama shown on Sky Atlantic starred Bryan Cranston as LBJ and focussed on the President's first year in office after the assassination of JFK.

It was first rate in recreating the dramatic change the USA faced when LBJ took office. As a viewer we were offered a captivating performance by Cranston.

He certainly delivered a statesman-like performance coupled with the political machinations of Washington in the mid 1960s.

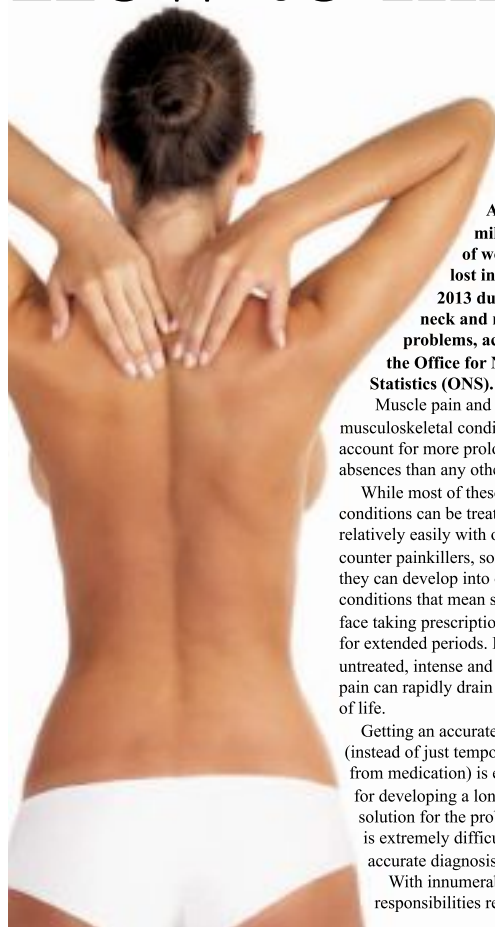
This behind the scenes drama showed how LBJ had to pull strings, threaten and coerce individuals and groups in order to get laws passed. The greatest challenge was the Civil Rights Act which, as the programme explained, was gutted of allowing African-American's the right to vote for another year.

We saw how LBJ had to grow into being the President and while all this was going on the spectre of Vietnam waited to explode.

Lawrence John

All The Way

How to find long-term relief from muscle pain



Almost 31 million days of work were lost in the UK in 2013 due to back, neck and muscle problems, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Muscle pain and other musculoskeletal conditions account for more prolonged absences than any other ailment.

While most of these conditions can be treated relatively easily with over-the-counter painkillers, sometimes they can develop into chronic conditions that mean sufferers face taking prescription medicine for extended periods. Left untreated, intense and persistent pain can rapidly drain the joy out of life.

Getting an accurate diagnosis (instead of just temporary relief from medication) is essential for developing a long-term solution for the problem, but it is extremely difficult to get an accurate diagnosis.

With innumerable responsibilities requiring

more urgent attention than just "muscle pain" the NHS just isn't set up to find out what is really wrong. The typical tests, if you're given any at all, just don't pick up the problem that's causing the muscle pain. And in those cases all you're left with is weak advice like "you're just not stretching enough" or "maybe we can try some stronger medication".

You might get lots of other advice as well, all of which is just as deeply flawed, and you're likely to get something different from every healthcare provider that you speak to. They all have their own opinions.

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PROPERTY TALK



>with NIGEL LEWIS

Home to a former film star

THE UK is said to be enjoying a golden age of cinema at the moment as more and more Hollywood films are made here including, most recently, My Cousin Rachel. It's currently shooting in Buckinghamshire and is to star Rachel Weisz.

But it's not the first golden age. The 1940s witnessed a significant flowering of British movie talent including a large cast of famous actors such as Cecil Parker.

He played and often starred in nearly 90 films during a career which spanned half a century and worked under famous directors such as Alfred Hitchcock and alongside stars including Sir Alec Guinness and Peter Sellers to name just two.

His most famous films included The Man In The White Suit and The Ladykillers and he was famed for his gravelly voice and cut-glass accent.

He was born in 1897 in Hastings, East Sussex to middle-class parent and, after service in the First World War,



joined the theatre. By the 1930s he was in films, a medium he inhabited until his retirement in 1969. His output was prolific, including latterly as a comic actor in both The Pure Hell Of St Trinians and Carry On Jack.

He ended his career on a crescendo in Oh! What A Lovely War, a film musical directed by Richard Attenborough starring several names that endure today including Maggie Smith, Nanette Newman, Edward Fox and Vanessa Redgrave.

After Oh What a Lovely War, Parker retired and bought a detached house in Brighton, which is now for sale with local estate agent Mishon Welton (01273 778877).

Parker would probably raise a sceptical eyebrow at the price – £1.35 million – but otherwise it's pretty much unchanged since he died in 1971.

It has three reception rooms, five bedrooms and a stunning south-facing garden.

Blackadder to the rescue?



There is an episode of TV comedy Blackadder starring Rowan Atkinson in which he sells his house by using some very creative but risky sales patter.

This includes, after being challenged by a buyer that he'd really 'worked out his banter', Blackadder replying that "No, not really. This is a different thing. It's spontaneous and it's called wit".

It may be time for Rowan Atkinson to reprieve his role in the TV comedy series, which at its peak during the 1990s pulled in 11 million viewers on average for each episode.

His five-bedroom, Georgian pile in Oxfordshire, which has been on the market since last year, has yet to sell. The Old Rectory includes a swimming pool and a contemporary extension at the back added during the early noughties.

It's a gem for anyone who wants privacy and is

approached via electronic gates and a gravel driveway. For the green fingered there's an original Victorian greenhouse, a formal garden to the front and landscaped gardens to the rear, which run down to the River Thames.

The property was first on the market for £2.9 million but the asking price has slipped a little to £2.65m and Atkinson has also engaged the services of a new agent, the Oxford branch of Cater Jonas (01865 511444).

The property is in the idyllic

village of Waterperry, eight miles outside Oxford and was bought by Atkinson in 1982.

"Rowan has spent a great deal of time sympathetically restoring and enhancing the house," says Mark Charter of Carter Jonas.

"All the original rooms to the front of the property retain plenty of character with high ceilings, sash windows and original fireplaces, and the indoor swimming pool complex is incredibly desirable."



Where Bowles was to the manor born



ACTOR Peter Bowles is remembered best for his role as Richard De Vere in TV series To The Manor Born, the hugely-popular sitcom that dominated the television schedules from 1979 to 1981.

It centred on aristocratic manor house owner Audrey florbes-Hamilton, played by Penelope Keith. After her husband dies she is forced to sell up to pay the bills and moves into the estate's old lodge under

straightened circumstances. De Vere, a rich businessman, moves into her old home and the series tracked their ongoing rivalries and eventual marriage.

It was the Downton Abbey of its day and made a star of Bowles. But before fame beckoned, Bowles's life started out with close ties to a real manor. He was born to parents who were in service to the 1st Viscount Margesson, who lived in Boddington Hall in

Warwickshire, near Rugby. Bowles' father was both butler and chauffeur to the viscount and he and his parents lived in an estate cottage nearby.

In his 2010 autobiography, Ask Me If I'm Happy: An Actor's Life, Bowles says he returned to the cottage many years later when doing a publicity shoot and was presented with Margesson family paperwork documenting his birth.

The cottage, which is in Upper Boddington in Warwickshire, is up for sale for £700,000 with agent Purple Bricks (0800 8108008). It has five bedrooms and has been extended and refurbished, including the addition of a 10-car garage.

But if the cottage is a bit small for you then there's a larger home for sale around the corner. Boddington Hall, where both Bowles's parents worked, is also for sale for only £125,000 more with Strutt and Parker (01295 297106).

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It's had a whole lotta love

THIS suburban house in the back streets of a famous seaside town hides connections to one of the world's most rock-and-roll bands, Led Zeppelin.

It was once the home of Peter Grant, band manager extraordinaire and most famously the person who helped steer Led Zeppelin to huge success. He also looked after other artists including Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Bad Company and The Yardbirds.

Grant was described in one documentary as "one of the shrewdest and most ruthless manager in rock history" and it's said that Led Zeppelin's success outside the recording studio was mostly down to him.

He negotiated the band's lucrative five-album contract with Atlantic Records and he's also why Led Zeppelin's TV appearances were rare; Grant believed in live performances as the best way to promote albums.

A hulk of a man, Grant had been an actor before getting into band management and later became famous in his own right when he took a starring role in the 1976 Led Zeppelin



rockumentary The Song Remains the Same.

In 1989 he retired from band management, overcame a cocaine addiction, lost a lot of weight and moved to Eastbourne – a far cry from his rock and roll

years – but died in 1995 from a heart attack.

His Eastbourne home remained in the Grant family until 2013 but is now for sale with agent Strutt & Parker (01273 475411) for £1 million. The house has been extensively refurbished and has been featured in several interior design magazines. It is also due to feature in a Channel 4 property programme later this year.

Fittingly, the house now features a hand-carved circular stairway, although it only leads to its four bedrooms and bathrooms, not to heaven.

Familiar as a television location



off-site, which the production will usually pay for," he says.

One person who knows all about this is the owner of a three-bedroom fishing lodge in Hertfordshire, which will be familiar to many crime series fans.

Appearances include half a dozen well-known BBC and ITV murder mysteries including an episode of BBC1's Waking The Dead and an episode of Midsomer Murders.

It is not hard to see why. It's in an idyllic position overlooking the River Chess and is accessed via a pretty wooden bridge. It's part of the Chorleywood Estate created by stockbroker John Barnes during the 1820s to a design by John Papworth, the founder of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The property is for sale with Savills (01923 725500) at £1 million.

IF YOU live in an eye-catching property, then there can be small fortunes to be made from renting it out to TV and film companies. Rates start at a few hundred pounds a day to tens of thousands, depending on the size and unique nature of your home.

According to Daniel Garry of location search firm ShootFactory.co.uk, there's no ideal property but "a good amount of space is vital," he

says. "A property needs to be accessible for large items of equipment and offer good parking facilities".

"The money you'll get will depend on the size of the production, number of days required, the filming times and how big your property is.

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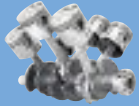


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BY IAN JOHNSON

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Offering up to 47.9mpg on the official combined cycle and CO2 emissions of just 157g/km, this new entry-level engine represents a significant downsizing compared to the engine it replaces but employs FIAT Professional's latest technologies to offer improved efficiency and

lower running costs while improving performance and refinement.

Similarly, the top-of-the-range 3.0-litre 180hp engine has also been replaced by a new 180hp 2.3-litre Multijet II Power LPEGR, resulting in a considerable improvement in fuel efficiency and emissions (46.3mpg on the official combined cycle and 160g/km), while the core 2.3-litre Multijet 130hp and 150hp engines also adopt the LPEGR technology.

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Nissan Pulsar DIG-T 115

Take a look inside. . .

BY IAN JOHNSON

AMAZING as it may sound there is a high proportion of new drivers out there who have never experienced driving a petrol car.

The rise of the diesel some years ago shunted this once almost universal power option into the sidings but things began to change with a whole new generation of petrol engines, often turbocharged and inter-cooled that have laid to rest many of the old disadvantages associated with these engines.

The fact that the 1,197cc petrol powered Nissan Pulsar I drove recently has a combined fuel economy figure of 56.5mpg underlines just what the modern petrol engine can do.

The Pulsar is a compact hatchback which operates in that sector of the market dominated by cars like the VW Golf and Vauxhall Astra. It is without doubt one of the best kept secrets of the market segment because Nissan has been better known for the success of cars like the Qashqai crossover and Juke hatchback.

The N-Tec DIG-T 115 version I drove will set you back £19,295 on the road and offers a lot for the money.

For a start, its build quality is excellent, with quality materials used all round and it is a very comfortable car with a ride quality equalling, if not exceeding cars costing more money.

There is also a long list of features that come as standard. These include forward emergency braking ABS, EBD, ESP and Brake Assist and Active Trace Control. The list also includes a tyre-pressure monitoring system, something once unheard of on cars of this size.

There is also the new touch screen navigation and entertainment system. This Pulsar also features a DAB radio, reversing camera and bang up to date USB and iPod connectivity. It has the longest wheelbase in its class and rear passenger legroom is nearly 700mm greater than your average family car, offering generous boot space. There are some clever ideas inside such as sculpting out the door trims to create the wide armrests.

With a frontal look mirroring in some ways the Qashqai, the whole styling is neat, functional and lacks any sort of cheap gimmickry. Like the Golf, the Pulsar is solid dependable and well-made. All the ingredients for the modern pocket premium which is in such demand.



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The mpg figures quoted are sourced from official EU-regulated test results (EU Directive and Regulation 692/2008), are provided for comparability purposes and may not reflect your actual driving experience.

Motoring News

Electric car sales set for surge By: Mike Torpey

ELECTRIC power could be the dominant form of propulsion for all new cars sold in the UK as early as 2027. And according to a forecast by government and industry-backed campaign Go Ultra Low more than 1.3m electric cars will be registered each year. The campaign collated data from multiple electric car sales reports and forecasts and its conclusions have been backed by motoring publication Auto Express, which has reported record high scores for EVs in its car owner survey Driver Power. Electric cars topped the overall best car tables and performed strongly in ease of driving and running costs categories, among others. Auto Express chief Steve Fowler said: "The positivity and appreciation of electric vehicles by their owners in this year's Driver Power survey is suggestive of a step-change in public perception of these vehicles. "We are moving towards a tipping point for electrically-powered cars, so it's entirely possible that by 2027 these vehicles will dominate the market as the top choice for new car buyers." The Plug-in Car Grant began in 2011 with just over 1,000 annual registrations of plug-in cars. Since then record-breaking volumes of EVs have been registered every

year and 2015 saw more than 28,000 electric cars registered. This year started with the best period for EV uptake since records began, with UK buyers registering the equivalent of one electric car every 13 minutes.

And with vehicle manufacturers introducing more electric and plug-in hybrid models, the new car market is accelerating towards a point where Go Ultra Low feels plug-in power will overtake petrol and diesel as the dominant fuel type. Poppy Welch, head of Go Ultra Low, said: "The huge interest in electric vehicles and their subsequent rapid rise in uptake has been spectacular so far, with more than 60,000 EVs registered in the past five years. "These rises are just the start of the electric revolution as Go Ultra Low analysis suggests that electric vehicles could dominate the new car market as early as 2027." Go Ultra Low analysed a series of market forecasts and trends for plug-in vehicle uptake considering forecasts by government, the Committee on Climate Change, the RAC Foundation and other industry authorities



Diesel Dynamite for Hyundai Tucson By: Mike Torpey

HYUNDAI'S best-selling UK model the Tucson compact SUV has been given a fifth powertrain option. An efficient 141PS 1.7-litre turbo diesel with seven-speed double clutch transmission and two-wheel drive is now available to order priced from £24,570 for the SE trim, rising to £29,695 for the Premium SE derivative. The Korean brand's 7DCT system offers a choice between fully automatic operation and sequential manual gear changes. It provides improved fuel efficiency and lower CO2 emissions compared to a six-speed automatic transmission - emitting only 129g/km of CO2 and offering fuel consumption of an average 57.6mpg. For



further efficiency, the new powertrain comes with Hyundai's Integrated Stop & Go (ISG) system as standard, which is also available for the 1.7-litre (116PS), and the 2.0-litre 2WD (136PS) diesel engines as well as the 1.6-litre petrol engine.

SKODA GIVES BUYERS A SPORTING CHANCE By: Mike Torpey



SKODA is giving its customers a sporting chance this summer with the latest addition to its award-winning Superb range. Available as a hatchback or estate, the new Superb SportLine offers an enhanced design highlighted by 19-inch alloy wheels,

sports design bumpers, sunset glass, and black gloss trim treatment. Prices are from £26,490 and the Estate features black gloss roof rails and a body-coloured spoiler. Inside, there is a three-spoke Super Sport multifunction steering wheel with silver stitching, quilted Alcantara sports seats, LED ambient lighting, carbon dashboard trim, aluminium pedals and black headlining. Practicality remains impressive with a 625-litre load area - 660 litres for the estate - and generous passenger space. Three petrol and two diesel engines are up for grabs, with the option of four-wheel drive and six-speed DSG automatic gearbox.



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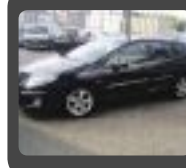
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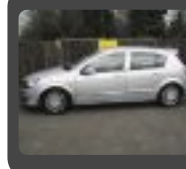
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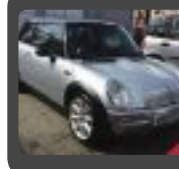
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LISTER'S KNEES-UP FOR STIRLING

By: Mike Torpey



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The 10 Stirling Moss editions will celebrate Moss's races for Brian Lister in the works racing cars in the 1950s, none of which exist today, and all 10 will feature the same specification as the works car with which Moss won at Silverstone in 1958.

FORD SWITCHES UP THE ST STYLE By : Mike Torpey



FORD has lifted the wraps on its sporty Mondeo ST Line model, the latest in a new range inspired by Ford Performance vehicles. The newcomer features sport suspension and body styling, unique alloy wheel designs plus sport seats, a perforated leather steering wheel and alloy pedals. It joins the Fiesta and Focus ST-Line models on display at the Goodwood Festival of Speed this weekend, where Ford is showing a range of performance vehicles ranging from the GT Le Mans race car to the new Fiesta ST200 hot hatch. Fiesta and Focus ST-Line have both been available to order since earlier this month and are designed for enthusiasts who want the hot hatch image without the full-on performance delivered by optimised ST engines and chassis.

Up for grabs in five-door and estate body styles, the Mondeo ST-Line comes with a honeycomb design for the upper and lower front grilles in high-gloss black, LED daytime running lamps with light tube styling and new rectangular fog lamps. Buyers also get a front bumper lip spoiler and sculptured side-skirts in the car's body colour, a sports rear bumper with high-gloss black diffuser-style insert, silver tailpipe surrounds and lowered suspension. That's in addition to new 18 or 19-inch metallic grey alloy wheels, sports seats with red stitching, a perforated leather ST-style steering wheel and, in the case of the estate, a rear roof spoiler. The engine range includes a 2.0-litre TDCi diesel with 150PS and six-speed manual or six-speed PowerShift automatic transmission offering from 112g/km of CO2 emissions and 65.7mpg economy. There's also a 180PS 2.0-litre diesel with the same transmissions and capable of returning 62.8mpg and emissions of 117g/km. Automatic models also get steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters and four-wheel drive. Ford vice-president Roelant de Waard said: "The new Mondeo ST-Line is our sportiest Mondeo since we introduced the ST220 model in 2002. It adds another dimension to the broad Mondeo line-up that offers options from the fuel-efficient MondeoECONetic and Mondeo Hybrid models, to the exclusive and upscale MondeoVignale. "This year we expect to sell 40,000 performance cars in Europe, a 50 per cent increase compared with 2015, which in turn saw performance car sales rise by 61 per cent compared with 2014." Prices have yet to be announced.

CATERHAM IN SEVENTH HEAVEN By: Mike Torpey

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BURCOTE ROAD, WOOD BURCOTE)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Burcote Road, Wood Burcote as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Burcote Road, Wood Burcote.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of new Anglian Water connection.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 26th July 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use A43, Brackley Road, Springfields and Highfields.

Dated this 7th day of July 2016

QUENTIN BAKER

Director of Law & Governance

PKG/T16/278

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (RICHMOND ROAD, TOWCESTER)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Richmond Road, Towcester as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Richmond Road, Towcester from A5 for a distance of approximately 30 metres to entrance to car park.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during repairs to damaged Anglian Water sewer.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 27th July 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to five days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use A5, Brackley Road and Queen Street or Pomfret Road depending on direction of travel.

Dated this 7th day of July 2016

QUENTIN BAKER

Director of Law & Governance

PKG/T16/279

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (TRINITY AVENUE, NORTHAMPTON)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Trinity Avenue, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Trinity Avenue, Northampton from St Georges Avenue to Balfour Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of pedestrians refuge and footway build outs.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 25th July 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to two weeks.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use St Georges Avenue and Kingsley Terrace.

Dated this 7th day of July 2016

QUENTIN BAKER

Director of Law & Governance

PKG/T16/277

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Local Authority Notices

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BIRDS HILL ROAD, EASTCOTE)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Birds Hill Road, Eastcote as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Birds Hill Road, Eastcote from School Road to access to 12 Birds Hill Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during footway widening and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 8th August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 26th August 2016.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Pound Lane, Banbury Lane and School Road.

Dated this 7th day of July 2016

QUENTIN BAKER

Director of Law & Governance

PKG/T16/261

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GLADSTONE ROAD, MILL LANE & PARK DRIVE, NORTHAMPTON)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of Gladstone Road, Mill Lane and Park Drive, Northampton as specified in the Schedule below.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 4th August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to two days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use A508, A5095, A4500 and A428.

Dated this 7th day of July 2016

QUENTIN BAKER

Director of Law & Governance

PKG/T16/260

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SCHEDULE

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MAIN STREET, WOODEND)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Main Street, Woodend as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Main Street, Woodend from College Lane to Plumpton Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during BT works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 14th July 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Blakesley Road, Braden Road and Slapton Road.

Dated this 7th day of July 2016

QUENTIN BAKER

Director of Law & Governance

PKG/T16/247

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Local Authority Notices

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HARROWDEN ROAD, ORLINGBURY)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Harrowden Road, Orlingbury as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Harrowden Road, Orlingbury from The Willows to The Green.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during replacement of BT pole.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 20th July 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Isham Road, Orlingbury Road, Wellingborough Road, Kettering Road, Hilltop Road and Main Street. Dated this 7th day of July 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Law & Governance

PKG/T16/222

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WATERING LANE, COLLINGTREE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Watering Lane, Collingtree as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Watering Lane, Collingtree from A45 to High Street.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 8th August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Collingtree Road, Barn Lane, Rectory Lane, Towcester Road, Rowtree Road and A45.

Dated this 7th day of July 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Law & Governance

PKG/T16/189

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BURY HILL, BRADDEN)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Bury Hill, Bradden as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Bury Hill, Bradden from Water Lane to Lower End.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during drainage investigation, repairs and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 18th July 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for five days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Use Bradden Road, High Street, Mill Lane, Greens Norton Road, Abthorpe Road, Towcester Road and Blakesley Road. Dated this 7th day of July 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Law & Governance

PKG/T16/186

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Local Authority Notices

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WOOD BURCOTE ROAD, TOWCESTER)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Wood Burcote Road, Towcester as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Wood Burcote Road, Towcester from the junction of Wood Burcote Road to A5 Watling Street.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required to tie in with works for road alignment at A5.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 14th July 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Burcote Road and A5. Dated this 7th day of July 2016

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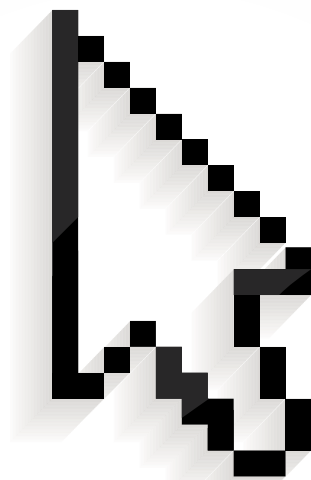
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Gleeson gets his reward



BREAKOUT STAR: Richard Gleeson has been a revelation for Northants this year

CRICKET

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Richard Gleeson's exceptional form for Northamptonshire in the NatWest T20 Blast has been rewarded after the paceman signed a three-year permanent contract with the county.

The contract will commence next year, with Gleeson currently playing for Northants on an individual match deal basis while holding down a job as a community coach with the Lancashire Cricket Board.

He has played in all three formats this season, but it is in T20 where he has proven to be a revelation, with an outstanding econ-

omy rate of 4.68 from his four matches so far.

Northants head coach David Ripley announced he wanted to keep the 28-year-old on a longer contract after the Steelbacks' six-wicket win over Leicestershire just over a week ago, in which he took 3-20.

Gleeson topped this by claiming 3-12 against Birmingham Bears last Friday, while he has also taken 16 wickets in the County Championship this season, including that of England Test captain Alastair Cook.

Ripley said: "Richard's bowling figures speak for themselves. He has made a huge impact on the games in which he has played.

"I believe there is a lot more to come from him and I am pleased he is going to be a more permanent part of our future. I would

like to thank the Lancashire Cricket Board for allowing Richard the opportunity to play this summer and earn a contract."

Ripley was alerted to Gleeson by former Northants spinner James Middlebrook after he impressed while playing against his Bedfordshire side for Cumberland last year.

He began to play for the county's second XI, for whom he took 7-72 against Derbyshire, before making his first class debut against the touring Australians last August.

He was to serve notice of his talent in that match by taking the wickets of both Shaun Marsh and Mitchell Marsh.

Commenting on his new contract, Gleeson said: "It's great to become a more permanent part of the squad. I have enjoyed my games so far and I'm obviously

pleased that I've made a positive impact.

"To be able to play and develop my cricket with the coaches and other players at Northamptonshire is such an exciting prospect and I hope we can carry on fighting hard and winning matches."

■ Northamptonshire's County Championship match with Derbyshire at Chesterfield was abandoned without a ball being bowled due to a sodden outfield making play impossible.

This was the first abandonment involving Northants in the Championship since 1981 and, in truth it was hard to argue with the decision of umpires of Ian Blackwell and Neil Mallender.

After play was ruled out on the morning of the first three days, the match was finally abandoned at around 2:40pm yesterday.



FULL THROTTLE: Last year's British Grand Prix

Silverstone ready for more drama this year

FORMULA ONE

The 2016 British Grand Prix has a hard act to follow after Lewis Hamilton's thrilling victory on the final lap ahead of Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg in Austria last week.

But if any track is capable of replicating that drama then it's the world-famous circuit at Silverstone. Here's how the last five races went down...

2015 – Hamilton won from pole position, but don't be fooled into thinking this was a procession for the Brit, who was overtaken on the opening lap by Williams' Felipe Massa.

But the defending champion regained the lead after Massa pitted on lap 23 and he was eventually first past the chequered flag, 11 seconds ahead of Rosberg to move 17 points clear in the Drivers' Championship.

2014 – The race started in dramatic fashion as a high-speed crash involving Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen on the opening lap forced it to be red flagged, with the Finn thankfully escaping with just bruising to his ankles.

After an hour's delay, Rosberg assumed the lead but was forced to relinquish it after 29 laps due to gearbox failure and Hamilton, who began sixth on the grid, took full advantage as he cruised to victory ahead of Valtteri Bottas by 30 seconds.

2013 – Hamilton started on pole but a blowout to his left-rear tyre on the seventh lap forced him to the back of the race as he limped to the pit.

Vettel, chasing a fourth consecutive world title, moved into the lead and held it until lap 42 when his gearbox failed and the safety car was introduced as a result.

In what amounted to a seven-lap sprint following its withdrawal, Rosberg moved ahead and held on to win by just 0.7 seconds ahead of Mark Webber.

2012 – A bit of a slow-burner as Fernando Alonso led from pole until four laps to go when Webber, who had been gradually chasing him down, made his move by using DRS on the Wellington straight.

Alonso attempted to overtake the Australian in the next few corners but Webber held on to win by three seconds and claim his second victory at Silverstone in three years.

2011 – Webber began on pole before being beaten to the first corner by Red Bull teammate Vettel, but when both he and Alonso pitted after 27 laps, an error by the former's team allowed the latter to take the lead.

The Spaniard then stormed to victory by 16.5 seconds with Webber finishing third behind Vettel after ignoring team orders not to pass him.



NO ILLUSIONS: Saints DoR Jim Mallinder

Mallinder expecting a tough ride in Europe

RUGBY

Director of rugby Jim Mallinder was left to reflect on a tricky pool after Northampton Saints found out their first fixtures of the season following last week's draw for the 2016/17 European Champions Cup.

Leinster, Montpellier and Castres were placed alongside Saints in Pool 4, with the actual fixtures to be confirmed at a later date in August.

Mallinder has faced all three teams before during his time in charge at Franklin's Gardens and knows Northampton's task matching their achievement of reaching the quarter finals from last season will not be an easy one.

"It is a tough draw for us, but every group is tough in the Champions Cup," Mallinder said. "We've come up against Leinster and Castres regularly

in the past few years and had some memorable games against both clubs.

"I don't think anyone has forgotten any of the matches against Leinster, which of course include the final in 2011 and our win in the Aviva Stadium in 2013. They have a lot of top players in their squad and reached the semi-finals of the Pro 12 this year.

"We know what to expect from Castres as well. Like every French club they will be big and physical and the Stade Pierre Antoine is a hostile environment. It's been a long time since we've played Montpellier, a club that has come a long way since we played them in the Challenge Cup in 2008/09.

"Jake White is an experienced international coach who has given Montpellier a winning culture that we all saw recently when they beat Harlequins to

win the Challenge Cup a few weeks ago."

The match at Montpellier means a return to a former club for Saints' new number 8, France international Louis Picamoles, who has signed from Toulouse.

Northampton will find out their fixtures for the 2016/17 Aviva Premiership season this morning, as they look to improve on last season's fifth placed finish.

It was the first occasion they had finished outside of the play-off places since 2009 and they know a fast start is needed this time if they aren't to repeat the mistakes of last season when the campaign begins on the weekend commencing on Friday 3rd September.

You can check out their full fixture list after 11am today at www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk/sport.



PROTÉGÉ: Drew Brown with coach John Daly

Brown is in the pink for his second pro contest

BOXING

Northampton's Drew Brown will be looking to make it two wins from two fights in his fledgling professional career when he faces Rochester's Sonny Whiting this weekend.

Brown was victorious on his pro debut in his hometown at The Deco against Kevin McCauley back in April and the 20-year-old super welterweight's latest test will come on Saturday at the Tudor Grange Leisure Centre in Solihull.

He has been taking his step into the professional ranks very seriously, as he has been preparing by training four nights a week at Far Cotton ABC, for whom he boxed as an amateur.

In addition, Brown has been heading to Pegg's Gym in Birmingham every Wednesday night and Sunday morning, where he is coached by Spencer McCracken, brother of Great Britain performance director Rob McCracken.

Head coach at Far Cotton John Daly said: "Drew goes on the attack and is a real crowd pleaser but we [himself and McCracken] want to see him box a bit more as he's in longer fights now."

"He's a confident lad and I'm really pleased with his work-rate - he's a strong lad who knows he can't mess about at this level."

Tickets for the event are still available and can be bought at Far Cotton ABC, in Towcester Road, or by calling John Daly on 07738 608327.

'Some players still join the fat club' says Harbin

FOOTBALL

BY MATT WRIGHT

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Northampton Town's players began pre-season training last Friday and the club's new performance coach John Harbin admits he expected to see different levels of fitness upon their return.

The squad underwent individual fitness tests last Thursday before taking part in their first training session at Moulton College the following afternoon.

Harbin, whose background was in rugby league and boxing before getting involved in football, was the first member of staff brought into the club following Rob Page's appointment as manager in May.

They first met during Page's playing days at Coventry City and Harbin is looking forward to working with him again, having already done so at his previous club Port Vale.

When asked about what he feels has changed when it comes to player fitness at this time of year Harbin said: "One thing I have found in the modern day, some players will come back almost ready to play again this weekend."

"The average guy will need a couple of weeks to top up, but there'll still be some down at the bottom end, who will join the 'fat club'."

"That happens at every club, so we can judge them by the tests we give them."

Harbin brings with him a wealth of experience at Oldham, Crystal Palace, Charlton, QPR, Swansea and Plymouth as well as the clubs already mentioned.

Because of his extensive CV, the 69-year-old

accepts that Northampton's players are probably already aware of his methods through mutual acquaintances.

Harbin said: "The one thing I've found out is, with the network of players, there are no secrets in football. These players will know what I'm like already through contacts at other clubs."

"So they know me already, they've just got to experience it, that's all, and that'll start pretty soon."

Pre-season training has come on a lot in the last 25 years - long gone are the days where the first couple of weeks would be taken up almost solely by a series of gruelling runs.

More emphasis is placed on working with the ball now, but Harbin believes some of the old ways are still of use in preparing the Cobblers' players for the campaign ahead.

He said: "They'll be happy with part of what we're going to do and they'll be unhappy with some of the other parts."

"I was once described as 'the last of the old brigade' and a paper the next day said I was 'the first of the new brigade' so I thought that was a good compliment, really."

"I haven't discarded a lot of the old methods. I think some of the stuff they did mentally toughened people up."

"I'm a firm believer in modern-day sport science, but having said that, there are still some of the old methods that test people out mentally - not too many of the new methods test them out mentally."

"They're certainly a lot more specific for the game, but I still believe in one or two of the old methods, which will test them out. It doesn't do them any harm."



TASK MASTER: John Harbin puts Northampton's players through their paces at Moulton College



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Here we go again

- Cobblers gear up for first pre-season friendly
- 'Great game for the fans', says Wilkinson



COBBLERS

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Northampton Town's first friendly ahead of the 2016/17 season takes place at Sileby Rangers on Saturday and assistant manager Paul Wilkinson has been counting down the days before the action on the pitch starts.

The match against the United Counties League side will be the first in charge for Northampton manager Rob Page and comes just eight days after the Cobblers' players underwent their first ses-

sion of pre-season training. While it isn't the most high-profile match of the weekend, with the final of Euro 2016 falling on the following day, it's to be hoped that Town's showing at the humble surroundings of Fernie Fields will be an encouraging one.

Wilkinson said: "Everybody sort of counts down the weeks and before you know it, it's upon you and obviously it's a nice game for us and it's a good one for the community.

"Sileby are a local team and it gives the fans and the lads the opportunity, for the first game, to mingle and get together.

"It also gives the fans the oppor-

tunity to see some of the new boys as well.

"The big thing for us is getting them some minutes, getting them back on the pitch and giving them a touch and feel of the ball. It's part of the preparation - we'll work all week then we'll go into the games and it'll be the same next week."

As Wilkinson mentioned, the match is the first chance for Cobblers fans to see new signings Aaron Phillips, Alex Revell, Raheem Hanley, David Cornell, Gabriel Zakuani and Jak McCourt in action.

It also represents a return to action for club captain Marc

Richards, as well as defenders Brendan Moloney and Rod McDonald, after they missed the end of last season with injuries.

Wilkinson said: "Obviously we need to monitor them at times, but at the moment everyone has taken part in each session. It'll be mainly about the lads getting some game time and getting back into the swing of things."

Following the match at Sileby, Northampton will be on the road next week at Nuneaton Town and Brackley Town before returning to Sixfields for the first time on Tuesday 19th July to face Championship side Queens Park Rangers.

They're preparing for the campaign at their new training base at Moulton College and Wilkinson believes the venue will be of great benefit to them.

He said: "It's a great facility. Obviously, having somewhere to train every day at the same place and not toing and froing here, there and everywhere with the boys gives them a base as well.

"It makes it exciting for them, but also it gives them meaning of going to the club on a Saturday - a special meaning as well for them and that's important.

"Keeping the boys together in one place is also important for the camaraderie."

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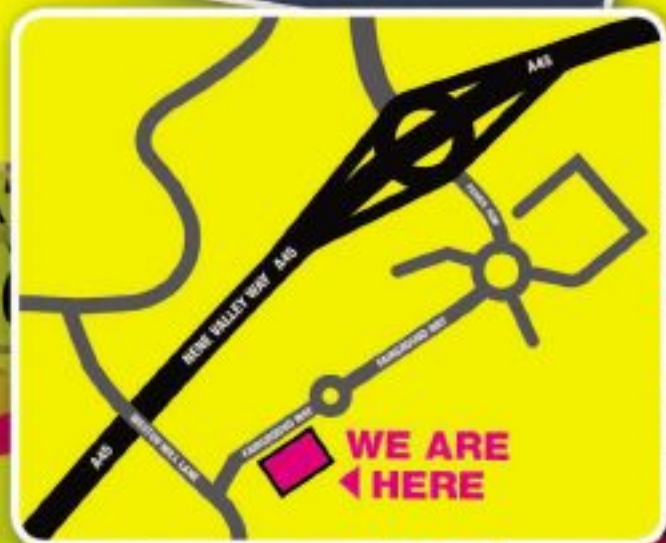
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